GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENTS
ANANDRAO ADSUL;CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hand over the maintenance of various monuments to private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the steps taken/proposed to the taken by the Union Government in this regard; (

(d) whether any MoU has been signed by the ASI with the private sector in this regard; and (

(e) if so, the details thereof, monument-wise?

Answer

the MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Culture Fund set up by the Government of India envisages that individuals, communities and corporate entities can contribute towards assisting the Archeological Survey of India in structural conservation and in providing amenities around the monwnent.

(c) The Archaeological Survey of India have identified 34 monuments for upgradation of facilities.

(d) & (e) The Archaeological Survey of India has signed Memoranda of Understanding with the Aga Khan Trust for Culture andthe oberoi Group of Hotels for upgradation of the garden, revival of water channels and the illumination of the Humayun`s Tomb, New Delhi and with the Apeejay Surrendra Hotels Private Limited for environmental development, structural repairs and illumination of Jantar Mantar, New Delhi